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STAFF (CMCPS)/ MODE PROCEDURES

1. ALTHOUGH FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CMCPS MAY STILL BE
A FEW MONTHS IN THE FUTURE (A SUBJECT ON WHICH WE WILL REPORT
SEPARATELY), THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING FOR
INSTALLATION OF THE INITIAL U.S. TEAM IN MADRID RAISES SEVERAL
QUESTIONS NOW ON WHICH WASHINGTON GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION ESTABLISHES A
JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE DEPENDENT ON THE COUNCIL AND MAKES
THE CMCPS, IN TURN, DEPENDENT ON IT. THE CHAIN IS THUS A
DIRECT ONE (ARTICLE IV, SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 1, AND ARTI,
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 5). THE CMCPS IS ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC
STATUS (ART VI, SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 1 AND NOTE 105 OF
FEB 3, 1976). THE CMCPS US STAFF IS NOT DEFINED AS A PART OF
"MEMBERS OF THE US FORCES" UNDER THE
AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY; HOWEVER, IT IS
SPELLED OUT THAT THE CMCPS WILL BE MILITARILY RESPONSIBLE
TO THE UNITED STATES JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND THE SPANISH JOING
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CHIEF OF STAFF THROUGH THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE (ART IV,
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 5), WHICH, AS POINTED OUT ABOVE,
IS DEPENDENT ON THE COUNCIL.

3. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT, ON THIS BASIS, MODE
(MONITORING OVERSEAS DIRECT EMPLOYMENT) PROCEDURES WILL APPLY.

4. SECOND, IF MODE PROCEDURES ARE TO APPLY, WE WILL NEED TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION AS TO THE PRECISE POSITION OF THE STAFF WITH RESPECT TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION (WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL) FOR SUPERVISION OF MODE.

5. THIRD, WHICH CMCPS STAFF MEMBERS WILL BE ACCORDED WHICH SPECIFIC STATUS IN REPORTING THEM TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL REQUIRE ADVANCE COORDINATION AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE ASSIGNED.

6. FOURTH, ACCREDITATION OF THE CMCPS STAFF TO THE SPANISH GOVT AS PART OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION WILL ENTAIL A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FROM THE EMBASSY, INCLUDING: DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION; DIPLOMATIC IMPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, AIR FREIGHT, AND VEHICLES; LICENSING OF POV'S; DRIVERS' LICENSES. EMBASSY SUPPORT MAY BE NEEDED IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMUNICATIONS. SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FROM THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED SOON. STABLER

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